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Syria

Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and Chief of Staff General Hikmat al-Shihabi met with President Hafiz al-Asad on their return from Moscow, briefing Al-Asad on the results of their talks with Soviet officials and giving him a reply message from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Damascus radio reported. Syria was "fully satisfied" with the results of the talks, in which both sides held "identical" viewpoints, the radio said. Before leaving the USSR Khaddam told Moscow radio that the visit would have "important and excellent" results for bilateral relations, adding that viewpoints were in agreement over ways to resist U.S.-Israeli "aggressive plans" and that the Syrian-Soviet Friendship and Cooperation Treaty has "proved its efficiency at all stages."

Libya

Jallud's Moscow Visit — Staff Major 'Abd al-Salam Jallud left Moscow 30 May, TASS announced. Earlier, Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio stressed that Soviet leader Gorbachev expressed the USSR's military support for Libya during his talks with Jallud. However, diplomatic sources in Moscow cited by KUNA said that the two sides will not sign a friendship and cooperation agreement and that while they have agreed on an arms deal, the contract does not include advanced Soviet weapons. In a related report, Jerusalem radio spoke of a "crisis" in Soviet-Libyan relations, with the USSR refusing Libyan requests and demanding that Libya stop supporting terrorism.

European Relations — The Libyan charge d'affaires left Spain 29 May, Madrid radio reported, noting that this may be the result of a Spanish-Libyan agreement that the charge would leave in order to avoid being expelled because of his connection with the "Call of Jesus Christ" terrorist group. Meanwhile, the Italian authorities announced the expulsion of 12 Libyans working in Rome, according to Rome radio.

Lebanon

An army of southern Lebanon (ASL) spokesman cited by Voice of Hope radio warned that the ASL will make a "violent" response to the killing of five ASL soldiers in Kafr Rumman, a village located near Israel's security strip. The ASL men were "treacherously martyred" after arriving in the village at the inhabitants' request to discuss the return of families to empty houses, he said.

Tabah Talks

Egypt has rejected the U.S. compromise formula over arbitration of the Tabah dispute, Israel's *HA'ARETZ* disclosed 30 May, asserting that the Egyptians are afraid that the new formula would enable Israel to present the arbiters with evidence concerning the location of the border in 1906. In remarks reported by Cairo radio following his talks with U.S. envoy Abraham Sofaer, Egyptian Foreign Minister 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid confirmed that there were "still some points of disagreement" though "some progress" had been made.

PLO

Although a PLO spokesman cited by Baghdad Voice of PLO radio said the PLO "rejects" British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's proposal for local elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Budapest radio reported that Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf has expressed the PLO's approval of the proposal.

In another development, the Abu Dhabi paper *AL-ITTIHAD* stated that the planned reconciliation conference of Palestinian factions will be postponed until further notice because Syrian President Al-Asad is insisting that it be held in Syria, WAM reported. Citing sources close to Palestinian factions based in Damascus, the paper said that if PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat insists on convening the conference in Algiers, only Fatah, the DFLP, and the Palestinian Communist Party will attend.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi planes raided a "large maritime target" off the Iranian coast 30 May, an Iraqi military spokesman announced in a statement reported by INA.

DRA

A bicameral parliament will be established in the DRA "within a few months," PDPA General Secretary Najibullah announced in a 28 May speech to religious leaders broadcast by Kabul radio. A council of representatives will be chosen on the basis of "free and democratic elections" and a council of nationalities will be formed based on the "equality of rights" of all nationalities. Najibullah also affirmed the DRA Government's commitment to upholding Islam, claiming that the PDPA is promoting revolution in accordance with a "decree from God for maintaining justice." In another development, the radio broadcast a Revolutionary Council Presidium decree announcing that army deserters and draft dodgers will be pardoned if they report for military service within 6 months.

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Najibullah Delivers Address at Mazar-e Sharif

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[Speech by PDPA General Secretary Najibullah at meeting with religious figures in Mazar-e Sharif on 28 May — recorded]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots, toiling people, esteemed elders, ulema, and noble religious leaders: Peace and God's blessing be upon you. Allow me, first of all, proudly to convey to you proud, noble, and esteemed compatriots, greetings and sincere wishes from the PDPA party leadership, greetings from the Central Committee members and members of the Central Committee Politburo, and from myself.

Second, we could claim that the DRA and the PDPA, together with you, dear compatriots, have taken firm steps toward implementing their sacred Islamic, patriotic, and religious duties. They are taking further firm steps in this direction. First of all, it should be said that our country, Afghanistan, is an Islamic country, and in accordance with the basic principles of the DRA, all possibilities and opportunities should be applied to protect, observe, respect, and guarantee the sacred religion of Islam and all Islamic matters and affairs, and to observe religious tenets, performances, and sanctities. [applause]

We do not put this before you as a theory or saying. Broad and practical measures have been taken toward the performance of religious affairs and religious tenets during the 6 years after the new phase. I would like to cite a few examples in this regard: The Ministry of Islamic Affairs was formed in our country. Some 12 religious educational establishments were formed in our country during these years; 127 new mosques have been built; 2,020 mosques have been repaired. Approximately 1.25 billion afghanis have been spent on assistance to the ulema, preachers, mullahs, and Koran readers who are engaged in serving our sacred Islamic and religious matters. Approximately 1.25 billion afghanis is equal to five times the amount spent in the last 50 years by the (?previous) leaders from Nader Khan to Zaher and from Zaher to Muhammad Da'ud. In order to assist the pilgrims to Mecca, we subsidize 50 percent of their expenditure every year. In Balkh Province, only some 60 million afghanis were spent in assisting the mullahs and repairing the mosques. We recently issued instructions that all the country's administrative organs, all establishments, and all organs of the Armed Forces should build mosques in their workplaces with funds from their own budgets, and take the necessary measures toward the [words indistinct] of religious affairs. We will continue these measures further and further.

Dear compatriots, Muslim and noble compatriots [words indistinct] who state as if Islam is in danger in Afghanistan, we bring before them the sacred words of God and say that Almighty God protects the sacred religion of Islam. When the Almighty Himself protects the sacred religion of Islam, then no power, no individual and no force can be found to (?harm) the sacred religion of Islam. [applause]

Those who spread this propaganda and rumor as if Islam in danger in Afghanistan, I would like to tell you that they have lost their belief in the sacred Ayat [saying from God; they have taken positions in the trenches of infidels. They have arrived in such a stormy destiny that they have found a sharer, God forbid, in the unity of the sacred existence of Almighty God. If, God forbid, Almighty God cannot preserve Islam, then can Gulbuddin or Rabbani, the Government of Pakistan, or the United States, China, or Israel protect Islam? Of course not! And if Almighty God preserves Islam, then which state will be able to (?harm) it?

As the followers of the sacred religion of Islam, as believers in God the Almighty, as faithful to the Prophet Muhammad -- peace be upon him and his family [words indistinct] -- we, relying and pursuing the orders of the Koran, are confident that the Almighty Himself preserves the sacred religion of Islam and can never be faced with danger. [applause]

Then, why all this bloodshed, all this fratricide, and all this homicide? What for? The answer is that here the power of the oppressors, the power of the arrogant ones, and the power of despots has been eliminated. It is because (?those) who collected riches and money and engaged in bribes and luxurious living, have been eliminated. In order to revive them, they shed blood and destroy mosques. We have so far constructed 127 mosques, but the counterrevolutionaries have destroyed some 114 mosques. This jihad is not for Islam. They have eliminated more than 1,000 of our noble and patriotic religious leaders. This is not a jihad for Islam, but it is to preserve their interests.

It should be said with regret that at the beginning of the revolution a number of officials around Hafizullah Amin embarked upon [words indistinct], cruelty, brutality, and savagery. A father returned home one day and his son was not there; a son, another day would come home to find out that his father was not there. One day a father would return home to find out that his daughter was not there; he would return home another day and find his brother was missing, and another one would find that his family and honor have been insulted! That is why the [words indistinct] people of this land had to flee from these injustices either to the mountains or to go to another country in order to protect his honor, name, dignity.

However, with full and complete good fortune [words indistinct] you have gone through various experiences after the new phase of the revolution. We are completely confident today that your confidence in the DRA's measures and its humane and Islamic approach has been obtained, once again, I would like to say before you that quarrels and squabbles, bloodshed, and the language of arms no longer will yield any results. The only way that can bring us success, peace and security in the country, and fraternity and brotherhood is the path that the PDPA has stated in its 10 Theses and the resolutions of its plenums — that is national compromise and national reconciliation.

Therefore, respected compatriots and respected elders, you are respectfully asked, in order to succeed in this aim of national reconciliation and the elimination of contradictions between the Afghans, between the compatriots, between the Muslims — when Afghan kills Afghan, Islam kills Islam, Muslim kills Muslim — that you form jirgas, form groups, write letters, establish contacts.

Invite those of our compatriots who are angry and alienated and are in the mountains or outside the country in camps [and tell them] that the DRA is prepared, together with you, to take part freely in a democratic manner in the formation of a truly national and democratic state based on all strata and classes -- workers, peasants, artisans, medium-size land owners, national capitalists, commercial capitalists, industrial capitalists -- in the structure of our state in the new political power. [applause]

If greater possibilities for the active participation of our compatriots in all areas of economic, social, and political transformations exist, then what is the war for? What is the bloodshed for? I can give you a good answer that, on the basis of the principles of the equality of rights and in the process of [words indistinct] for maintaining truly social justice and true equality between the nationalities, the DRA has also decided to take firm and strong steps. I bring a good message that a new state order will come into existence within a few months which will be based on two councils: the elected Council of Representatives of the People on the basis of free and democratic elections; and the formation of the Council of Nationalities based on the equality of rights of all nationalities in our country, our ancient and free country, revolutionary Afghanistan. [applause]

For the first time, in the Council of Nationalities, all the nationalities including Pashtun, Uzbek, Turkmen, Tajik, Hazara, Baluchi, Nurestani, and other minorities will exist in an equal national structure. This council will be structured with all brothers as equals.

It was the policy of the sultans, the arrogant ones and the exploiters of yesterday, in order to preserve their own glory, to pit nationalities and tribes against each other and thus to rule.

Today the day has arrived that all nationalities, tribes, and clans become united for the protection of their country, for the protection of the freedom, independence, progress, and prosperity of their country. They all come together in one front line to have a joint share in the political rule and all society's transformations like equal brothers. [applause]

The structure of these two cameras will be (?called) the parliament [sura] of the DRA. Every one of our individual compatriots, every one in authority, belonging to every tribe and nationality of our country, without prejudice of color of skin language, or other difference, could be a candidate in an area, or find his or her way to these chambers. We will form the DRA from their composition. In this way, a DRA, on the foundation of free elections with the direct vote of the people and the presence of the representatives of the various fraternal and equal nationalities, will be formed as a democratic state, a state based on the social bases of the masses of the people.

Then, if such possibilities exist and we follow this direction, invite all the brothers and establish contact with them to lay down their weapons. Come, the opportunities for joint participation for all exist. Come and win the elections; come and find your way to these chambers, and then you will have an active part in the composition of the DRA state parliament in the future.

Another principle, another thing that I would like to say to you, is to convey to you as a good message: For the first time after the revolution, the constitution of our state, the DRA Constitution, which is presently being drafted under the supervision of a commission, will be approved by this state parliament and will be ratified by the council comprised of representatives of all the nationalities, tribes, clans, strata, and various classes of the society, including the religious leaders, ulema, and [words indistinct] of all nationalities and tribes. In this way, in the light of our constitution, all laws including (?executive) and judicial, will be renewed and completed to reflect the interests and obligations of the people.

Finally, our society will be a democratic society, a free society, and a society with law. The law will guarantee the rights of every individual, the right of every human being, the right of the every group, the right of every nationality, and the right of every [words indistinct] on equal bases and the preservation of human dignity. [applause]

Let us then render whatever we can to the service of the creator of God for the realization of these aspirations, these noble aspirations, the aspirations of service to the people. Do not leave us alone in carrying out these tasks. We invite you, together with your popular state — and the state is dutybound together with your compatriots — to help us on our way.

Let a new Afghanistan, a prosperous Afghanistan, an advanced Afghanistan, an independent Afghanistan, a free Afghanistan, a proud Afghanistan, be created. Let such an Afghanistan come to exist here, where the cries of an old woman will not be heard; let an Afghanistan come to exist a smile will be seen on the faces of our children instead of tears. Let the bread cloth of a peasant not be without bread, and all the joys of life be found in his home, and let him have a prosperous life along with his children. Let an Afghanistan come to exist where the blister wounds of workers are not seen, and instead our workers have prosperous and dignified life. Let an entire human and social justice become established in Afghanistan; let our country, Afghanistan become such an Islamic country that all muslem countries of the world rally about this pivot, around the pivot of the Islam of Afghanistan. [applause]

Let us then, for the realization of these human aspirations, these duties, these sacred tasks, pray in this tomb of Hazrat-e Mubarak, Hazrat-e 'Ali that my God direct us on the right path, direct us on the path that he prefers.

Najibullah Receives Cuban, Iraqi Envoys

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[Text] Kabul, May 29, BAKHTAR — Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan today received in his office in the headquarters of the CC, PDPA, Ragino Farinas Cantero, the ambassador of Cuba for a courtesy call.

Comrade Najibullah also received in his office Burhan Khalil Ghazal Ambassador of Iraq for a courtesy call.

Decree Pardoning Draft Dodgers, Deserters Issued
LD292009 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 29 May 86

[Decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, Kabul city, 29 May 1986, on pardoning those people who have evaded military service]

[Text] The DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium in consideration of the fact that a large number of military personnel and those who were under conscription have evaded military service under the influence of the enemy's propaganda and who are recently coming to military units and commissariats voluntarily in order to perform their military service in the ranks of the DRA Armed Forces, and on the basis of following a humanitarian policy based on Paragraph 6, Article 43 of the DRA Basic Principles approves the following:

1. Those personnel in the Armed Forces who have left their units and companies and deserted from the service and those who were under conscription to military service and avoided military service will be pardoned if they come forward voluntarily to their units and companies or to the organs of the state power and administration within 6 months of the enforcement of this decree in order to perform their military service.

2. Legal criminal proceedings against those people mentioned in Item 1 and also against those arrested before the enforcement of this decree should be discontinued and their dossiers closed if the courts have not issued a final judgment after their voluntary return or their arrest.

3. The people included in Items 1 and 2 of this decree will carry out the fixed term of service or the remaining term of service in accordance with the law. The service period of those people drafted into combat units of the Army, Sarandoy, and the Ministry of State Security to serve their term or continue it will serve 2 years, the same for volunteers.

4. Those who have evaded military service as well as committed other crimes will be punished according to the current laws of the country.

5. The implementation of this decree is the duty of these organs:

First, the investigation organs and the Prosecutors' Office who are following up the relevant dossiers of people mentioned in Item 1 of the decree;

Second, the investigation organs, the Prosecutors' Office, and the judiciary who possess the uncompleted dossiers.

6. Supervision of the implementation of this decree is the duty of the DRA Attorney General's Office, the Prosecutors' Office of the Armed Forces, and the Special Revolutionary Prosecutor's Office of the DRA according to their relevance.

7. This decree comes into force from the date of publishing in *HEWAD* daily, the publishing organ of the DRA Revolutionary Council and Council of Ministers, and will also be published in the official gazette.

[Signed] Babrak Karmal, President of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium

Revolutionary Council Session Detailed
LD292119 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 29 May 86

[Excerpt] A session of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium was held today, chaired by Comrade Babrak Karmal, president of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

The presidium of the Revolutionary Council, in consideration of the fact that the DRA Armed Forces have played a significant role in defense of the gains of the 1 April Revolution, the struggle against the counterrevolution, safeguarding the territorial integrity and independence of the country, and in order to further enhance the combat and morale of the Armed Forces and in accordance with the guidances of the joint resolutions of the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council and DRA Council of Ministers, dated 4 December 1985 and 24 April 1986, approves:

1. 19 August, which corresponds to the anniversary of the restoration of the country's independence, will also be observed as the Army Day of the DRA.

2. 1 October, which corresponds to the formation and renaming anniversary of the Sarandoy will be observed as the Sarandoy Day.

The session of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council also ratified the documents of the 19th Congress of Universal Postal Union dated 18-27 June 1984 comprising the charter of the Universal Postal Union, its final protocol and the charter of [words indistinct] parcels agreement, final protocol and [words indistinct] which were signed by the DRA representative.

The Presidium of the Revolutionary Council, in order to solve a number of difficulties in the auction or sale of goods and vehicles used in smuggling, has approved an amendment to Article 7 of the Law of Prevention of Smuggling Law which will be published in the official gazette later.

Similarly, in order to encourage technical experts, staff and employees of the Forensic Medicine Institution, an amendment to Article 5 of the Forensic Medicine Institution was also approved.

In accordance with this amendment, staff and employees of forensic medicine will be entitled to 50 percent salary of the actual rank as a supplement to their salary as is the case with the professional personnel of forensic medicine.

The session also discussed a number of other topics and adopted decisions regarding them.

Awami League Leader Defends Election Participation
BK281658 Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English 25 May 86 pp 1, 8

[Text] Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina said on Saturday that there was no scope of any debate or controversy over joining the parliament as President Ershad has not yet summoned it. She ignored the demand for boycotting the parliament by party stalwarts including Dr. Kamal Hossain. Dr. Hossain played a key role in bringing Awami League in the elections. He, however, lost the elections in both the constituencies he contested from. Since then he has been leading a group of Awami League nominees who lost the elections.

The prominent Awami League leaders who lost the polls are party Acting General Secretary Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, party presidium members Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Mr. M.A. Mannan, joint-secretary Mr. Amir Hossain Amu and Sheikh Abdul Aziz.

This meeting was convened in view of pressure from within the party by those who lost the elections and alleged massive ballot 'dacoity' and widespread violence.

The Awami League chief was delivering inaugural address at the two-day extended meeting of the working committee at Dhaka District Sports Association auditorium on the day. The meeting scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. started almost one-and-a-half hours behind the schedule. She said, "Our movement will continue till we can remove Martial Law from the country. People who have been under Martial Law for 11 years need emancipation. Whatever success we have achieved, has to be utilised in future for the restoration of people's rights".

Turning to the participants of the meeting she said that no controversial issues should be raised at the meeting. The discussion should centre round the ways and means to achieve 'our desired goal,' she said. Sheikh Hasina said that issues which can create confusions among people should not be dragged [in] and Awami League leaders and workers have to remain prepared for any sacrifices.

Referring to what she described massive 'ballot dacoity' in favour of Jatiya Party candidates she said that even herself was announced defeated in one constituency through 'media coup.' Giving consolation to those defeated in the May 7 parliamentary polls she said that her party has got people's mandate despite terrorism.

The Awami League chief said the polls has proved that Awami League alone can give democracy and restore people's rights in the country. Defending her party's decision of joining the polls she said that it has removed the confusions created by the government of President Ershad that Awami League has no base among people. The papers which have depicted the real picture of the election are not allowed to enter the country, she claimed.

Sheikh Hasina said that the government was now bargaining with the independent candidates who have won the election but if they succumb to such tactics that would mean betrayal with the people. She called upon the elected independent candidates and other oppositions to forge unity against the government to remove martial law. She claimed that had there been fair polls her party could bag 230-240 seats.

Sheikh Hasina said that the day is not far when the country will be free from martial law and rights of the people restored. Who has won and who is defeated is not a big issue today. We have to move forward forgetting our individual differences to reach the fruits of independence to the people and to build 'Sonar Bangla' [Golden Bengal] she told the meeting.

Advising the Press she said that reports which could create confusions among the people should not be published in the national interest.

Finally she sought blessings of her party leaders who have brought her to the country. She also demanded withdrawal of ban on publication of three papers.

Mr. Mohammad Nasim conducted the meeting which continued till 'Maghreb' [evening prayer] and was participated by about five dozens of leaders from Khulna and Chittagong Divisions.

Earlier Begum Sajeda Chowdhury acting general secretary of the party addressing the meeting said 'we have to evaluate how far we have been able to materialise the five-point demand.' President Ershad told earlier that Martial Law would be lifted after inaugural Sangsad session. He has now shifted from his commitment and told that Martial Law would continue till Presidential election is held she alleged.

There was heated debate on joining the parliament and candidates defeated in the last election were mostly opposed to joining the parliament, according to a party source.

Prominent among those who addressed the meeting were Sheikh A. Aziz, Mr Asaduzzaman, Mr Mosnarraf Hossain, Mr Jahirul Islam and Mr Elias.

Final Parliamentary Election Results Announced
BK291726 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] Results of the Jatiya Sangsad [Parliament] elections from all the 300 constituencies are now available. In Norsundi 5 constituency, the polling was held today in 20 centers.

The Election Commission received the results of 120 out of the total 122 centers. The committee declared Asadul Haq Khusru of Awami League elected. He polled 94,816 votes while his nearest rival Moinuddin of Jatiya Party received 68,040 votes.

The final part position is: Jatiya Party, 153; Awami League, 76; Jamaat-i Islami, 10; Communist Party, 5; National Awami Party, 5; Muslim League, 4; Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal-Rob, 4; Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal-Shahjahan Siraj, 3; Bangladesh Krishak Sramij Awami League, 3; National Awami Party-Muzaffar, 2; Bangladesh Workers Party, 3; Independents, 32.

Gandhi Urges UK To Impose Sanctions Against RSA

BK290935 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has expressed the hope that Britain will agree to mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa if the Commonwealth decides to impose them.

In an interview with Independent Television of Britain he said 44 Commonwealth member countries, including Britain, had approved the resolution of the Nassau summit last October agreeing to mandatory sanctions if Pretoria did not make progress toward ending apartheid.

Mr Gandhi said if Britain goes against the Commonwealth decision, the onus would be on that country to pull out of the association.

Further Reportage on Visit of UK Labor Leader

Calls for Sanctions Against RSA

BK291625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] The British Labor opposition leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, said Commonwealth countries should pressurize Mrs Thatcher's government to give up its reluctance on imposing comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa.

Addressing a news conference in New Delhi today at the end of his 5-day stay in the capital, he pointed out that 43 members of the Commonwealth demand sanctions against Pretoria, while only the British Government has reservations.

Mr Kinnock was answering a question about the possibility of India and some African countries quitting the Commonwealth on the sanctional issue. He ruled out any such prospect and said members should persuade the British Government to fall in line with them.

Mr Kinnock, who is visiting India at the invitation of the Congress-I, described his talks with Mr Rajiv Gandhi and other leaders as rewarding and informative.

Answering questions about anti-Indian extremist activity in Britain, he agreed that there should be greater appreciation in his country that there was a sense of outrage in India over the fact that some people advocating India's disintegration appeared to be at liberty in England.

All British parties must be committed to upholding the unity and integrity of India. He, however, maintained that the British Government is fairly pragmatic on this issue and is considering the proposal for a ministerial conference of the two countries in this connection.

About immigration, Mr Kinnock said his party is for changing the 1971 and 1981 immigration laws. He favored control of number of immigrants rather than determining their nature on the basis of parentage and grandparentage.

Agreement on Oil Technology Signed With USSR

BK291304 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] The Soviet minister for geology, Mr (Ravinin,) says his country has entered into an agreement with India to provide complete technical know-how for exploring, drilling and preparing wells for producing oil and gas in Cambay, Cauvery Basin and other places.

Talking to newsmen in Simla today he said Moscow will continue to provide technical expertise to India and other developing countries to help strengthen their economy.

Increases in Pakistan's Defense Budget Noted

BK300315 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] In Pakistan, the defense expenditure for 1986-87 has been raised by 10 percent over the previous year. This expenditure constitutes 38.5 percent of the current budget which is estimated at 15,211 crore rupees.

The overall increase for the current year's budget is of 2,288 crore rupees over the preceding year.

Delhi Requests Canada To Investigate Shooting

BK271419 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 27 May 86

[Text] The provincial court in Canada has charged four men with attempted murder of the Punjab planning minister, Mr Malkiat Singh. Mr Singh was shot at and wounded on Sunday when he was on a private visit to Canada. The accused have been kept in police custody unitil Thursday.

According to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the condition of the Punjab minister is stable.

The Canadian Government has expressed its regret over the shooting of the Punjab planning minister, Mr Malkiat Singh, while going in a car in Vancouver.

The Canadian foreign minister, Mr Joe Clark, phoned the Indian high commissioner, Mr Chatwal, and conveyed his government's regret at the incident.

The Indian consul general met Mr Malkiat Singh and has reported that the minister is out of danger.

The External Affairs Ministry spokesman said in New Delhi today that the government is in touch with the high commissioner. He has asked the Canadian authorities for a full investigation into the incident.

'Terrorists' Carrying Pakistani Weapons Arrested

BK271609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 27 May 86

[Text] The Border Security Force apprehended 10 terrorists in Gurdaspur and Amritsar districts yesterday. It also foiled a daring attempt by two terrorists to loot a businessman.

Some arms and ammunition with Pakistan ordinance factory markings were recovered from the two terrorists nabbed in Amritsar.

The Punjab police also arrested five terrorists in Faridkot and Ludhiana Districts today. While four of them were apprehended in Faridkot, one terrorist was caught in Ludhiana. Some arms and ammunition have also been recovered.

2 Pakistani Intruders Killed in Border Clash

BK291629 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] The Punjab government has constituted an all party committee, which will visit terrorist-stricken villages in Amritsar District to restore confidence in the minority community. The state agriculture minister, Mr Harbachan Singh Sandoo, will be its convener.

Announcing this in Chandigarh today the chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, said the committee will meet the families who suffered at the hands of terrorists and see whether the arrangements made for their protection were adequate. Mr Barnala said a similar committee is also proposed to be constituted for Guardaspur District.

Addressing a meeting in Sangrur, Mr Barnala said that the Golden Temple complex has been cleared of terrorists and other anti-national elements whose activities were posing a threat to the unity and integrity of the country. Mr Barnala said he was compelled to order the police to enter the complex after the extremists declared the formation of the so-called Khalistan from its holy presence.

Meanwhile, four terrorists were arrested by the Amritsar police today, and some arms and ammunition recovered from them.

Two Pakistani intruders were killed while two others managed to escape in an encounter with the BSF [Border Security Force] on the Indo-Pakistan border last night.

Finance Minister Announces Annual Budget
BK300606 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 29 May 86

[Excerpts] A balanced development- and welfare-oriented federal budget for the next financial year was announced in the National Assembly this evening by the finance minister, Mian Mohammad Yasin Khan Watto.

The budget announced a number of concessions for workers and government servants and other segments of society. The taxations have been kept to the minimum and POL [petroleum, oil, lubricants] prices have been reduced besides providing a record amount of 4,700 crore rupees for the annual development program. Two hundred crore rupees have been provided as relief in the import duty to stimulate investment and to make smuggling less attractive.

The annual development program is 23 percent more than the development expenditure for the current year. This increase is twice as high as the nominal GDP growth rate.

Out of the total development expenditure, 3,372 crore rupees will be spent on the federal development programs, which will be 25 percent higher than that of the current year. The remaining amount will be spent on the provincial development programs. One hundred and seventy crore rupees out of the development allocation will be spent on the schemes earmarked by members of parliament.

While framing the budget, due consideration has been given to the needs and requirements of the underprivileged. Efforts have been made to evolve a framework which will foster the growth of agriculture and industry and rapid development of energy, communication and construction.

Due importance has also been given to literacy, education and training, public health and social welfare. Thirty crore rupees will be spent under the new scheme for the employees' old age pension. The minimum pension is being raised to 306 rupees, and maximum to 1,260 rupees per month.

Twelve crore rupees have been provided for special education for the deaf and blind, and assistance for voluntary organizations of social welfare; 58 crore rupees are being provided for population welfare; 4 crore rupees have been provided for special scheme for welfare of minorities.

Special measures will be taken during the coming year for employment generation: 50,000 new jobs for teachers will be created; 52,000 part-time jobs will be created under the mass literacy program. Ten thousand jobs for teachers will be created for schools set up on the recommendation of members of the National Assembly and Senate. Seven thousand jobs will be created under the health program.

The expansion in the health sector next year will create 7,000 jobs including 1,800 for doctors, 2,000 for paramedics and 2,300 for auxiliary staff.

As a matter of policy, labor-intensive technology will be encouraged. Professional and skilled persons will be provided concessional financing and facilities for setting up their own industries and business.

It is proposed to reduce the prices of POL items. The price of petrol has been reduced to 6 rupees 95 paisas a liter, of kerosene oil 3 rupees per liter, of high-speed diesel to 3 rupees 85 paisas a liter, of light diesel oil 2 rupees and 80 paisas per liter. The price of furnace oil is to be reduced to 1,650 rupees per ton.

The export compensatory rebate scheme has been withdrawn. However, letters of credit already opened for export contract already registered with the Export Promotion Bureau will not be affected by the withdrawal.

It is proposed to enhance the charge of local telephone calls to 70 paisas. It is also proposed to increase the price of an envelope to 80 paisas and of a postcard to 45 paisas. The rate of postal parcel is also being increased to 5 rupees per kilogram. Overseas postal rates are also proposed to be increased.

The expemption to the income of the National Development Finance Corporation and the Bankers Equity is being withdrawn. (?Jewelers) surcharge is being abolished.

Income of the provincial text books boards is being exempted from tax retrospectively from the date of their establishment.

Income of industrial undertakings owned by companies set up between 1 July this year and 30 June 1989 and engaged in specified engineering goods is being exempted for 5 years.

The overall size of the new budget at 152,119 million rupees is higher by 22,883 million rupees than the revised estimates of the outgoing year.

The National Assembly will now meet on Saturday [31 May] afternoon.

SRI LANKA

Explosion Rocks Colombo Factory; 10 Casualties

BK301010 Hong Kong AFP in English 1000 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] Colombo, May 30 (AFP) — An explosion rocked a Colombo factory at lunchtime Friday, leaving at least 10 people dead or seriously injured, an eyewitness said. "I don't know how many died, but I saw at least ten persons who seemed to be dead" or very seriously injured being carried to vehicles and sent to hospital, the eyewitness, a press photographer, said.

The cause of the blast, which occurred near the army headquarters in the Slave Island area of the capital, was not immediately clear. However, police here said Thursday that one militant Tamil terrorist group had planned to bomb several key places in Colombo.

Friday's explosion apparently originated in a lorry returning empty bottles to the factory, a soft drinks and meat products manufacturing plant, the photographer said. "I saw three vehicles completely destroyed. One was still on fire. Pieces of broken bottles were lying all over," he added.

Military sources confirmed that the blast, which occurred at 1:20 p.m. (0750 GMT), was not located at the army headquarters, but said it had shaken buildings in the area and brought plaster crumbling down from the roofs.

Further Reportage on Mediation Talks With Tamils

India Suspends Efforts

BK300909 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] India's efforts to help resolve the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka have been suspended for the time being. Speaking to newsmen in Colombo, the India high commissioner in Sri Lanka, Mr J.N. Dixit, said any progress will depend on Colombo's willingness to fill what he called crucial gaps in its latest formulations on the issue.

Mr Dixit is due to leave for New Delhi tomorrow to attend the meeting of heads of Indian missions in Asia and West Asia.

The main difference or crucial gaps between the proposals by India and Sri Lanka on ways to solve the ethnic problem lie in the core areas of law and order and land settlement.

Mr Dixit who is scheduled to meet the Sri Lankan national security minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, today said any forward movement is possible only if today's discussions are responsive to the considerations and concerns mentioned by the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, and the external affairs minister, Mr Shiv Shanker, early this month.

In Tamil Nadu, a 12-hour statewide bundh [strike] will be observed tomorrow from 0600 in the morning in protest against the killings of Tamils in Sri Lanka. Air, bus, and train services, including suburban services will remain suspended. Essential services like electricity, hospitals, and newspapers will, however, be maintained. The decision for the bundh was taken at a meeting of political parties in Madras yesterday presided over by the chief minister, Mr M.G. Ramachandran. The meeting condemned the military action against the Tamils in Sri Lanka.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazagham [DMK] and its alliance partners boycotted the meeting. They have already issued a statewide bundh call for tomorrow. A similar 12-hour bundh is being observed in Pondicherry from 0600 tomorrow.

The decision to observe the bundh was taken at an all party meeting convened by the chief minister. Essential services have been exempted from the bundh. The DMK has already given a separate bundh call for tomorrow.

Largest Tamil Group Rejects Offer

NC292144 Paris AFP in English 2142 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] New Delhi, May 29 (AFP) — The top Tamil militant group Thursday rejected Sri Lanka's offer of informal discussions mediated by the Commonwealth to settle the island nation's ethnic separatist crisis, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) news agency reported.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest of the 21 Tamil militant groups fighting for autonomy in Sri Lanka, said in Madras that it would not participate in talks to which India was not a party, PTI said.

The LTTE's reaction to Tuesday's offer by Sri Lanka echoed three other militant groups, which rejected the offer Wednesday on similar grounds. The LTTE called the Commonwealth the "least acceptable" mediator, charging it with aiding the Sri Lankan Government in the "genocide" of the island's Tamil minority population, PTI said.

Tuesday's offer was made by Sri Lanka's National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali, who proposed "informal discussions" structured on the lines of the Geneva proximity talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan, with the Commonwealth playing the mediator.

Khomeyni, Others Attend Fast-Breaking in Jamaran

LD292146 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] Leader of revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran Imam Khomeyni attended a reciption given by Hojjat ol-Eslam Hajj Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni in Jamaran for breaking the fast. Also attending the reception were President Khamene'i, Majlis speaker Hasemi-Rafsanjani, President of the Supreme Court Musavi-Ardabili, Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi and a number of officials, civilian and military dignitaries, clergy and some inhabitants of Jamaran. The reception started by a congregational prayer led by Imam Khomeyni. Foilowing the evening prayer, which was held in a spiritual atmosphere, the imam of the ummah took part in breaking his fast along with other guests.

Khamene'i Delivers Friday Prayer Sermons

LD301209 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] On the Third Friday in the blessed month of Ramadan and on the eve of the martyrdom of the Peer of the Pious, the Prince of the Faithful, the Holy 'Ali ibn Abi Talib — may peace be upon him! — our fasting, Muslim compatriots observed the politico-religious Friday prayers ceremonies throughout the country today. Tehran's citizens, too, observed the Friday prayers under the imamate of Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i today.

In his Friday prayers sermons today Tehran's Friday imam referred to the vast country-wide demonstrations by the nation's segments on Jerusalem Day last year as exemplifying the astounding power of the people and said: The reason for the greatness of Jerusalem Day lies in the issue of the monolithic presence of fasting people in the streets — despite the bombings of cities and population centers by aircraft of the Zionist enemy — a fact which affected the hostile policies adopted by world arrogance against us throughout the world, since the people's presence not only constitutes backing for the revolution and the Islamic Republic but also acts towards breaking the backs of the foes of Islam!

In connection with the people's resistance during the imposed war the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council said: The only path left for U.S. policy and U.S. policies [as heard] vis-a-vis the imposed war is to continue the war in this selfsame manner without having a winner. However, our own policy is diametrically opposed to the policy of the United States and the backers of Saddam in the region. If the policy of the United States and Saddam's backers is to prolong the course of the war, our policy is one of finishing the war in one go — of toppling soon as possible the Iraqi regime with the help of our nation's might and thereby bring salvation to the two nations of Iran and Iraq!

Today is the day of our historic experience: We should utilize the nation's strata's monolithic desire to be present on the fronts as a powerful blow at our enemies and we should let our people display their power and thereby realize the miracle which should take place; and the people's active presence on the fronts is our last word which would end the business! Through reliance on the people we shall terminate aggression and we will carry out this task and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, too, has declared its readiness to train and mobilize the enormous forces volunteering for dispatch to the fronts!

Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, referring to the fact that this year International Jerusalem Day has been proclaimed as the beginning of Jerusalem Week, then called on the nation's strate, this year too, by their monolithic presence on the arena, to renew the memory of last year's Jerusalem Day and by their vast departure for the battlefronts on Jerusalem Day and Jerusalem Week to deliver yet another blow at the body of Islam's enemies!

Further Reportage on Visit of SWAPO's Nujoma

Meets Prime Minister

LD291745 Tehran IRNA in English 1220 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 29, IRNA — Visiting leader of the South-West African People's Organization (SWAPO) Sam Nujoma Thursday sharply criticised colonialist policies of the U.S. and Europe in the African continent. In a meeting with Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi he said the U.S. supports puppet governments such as South African regime who have negated the continent's independence and its right to determine its own fate. "This is the latest U.S. method against the oppressed people in that continent," he added.

Nujoma also described the United Nations as an organization influenced by the policies of exploiters. "The U.N. has not been able to accomplish its task vis-a-vis the oppressed nations," he said. "Namibians has come to the conclusion that the more masses are mobilized, the nearer victory will be". The SWAPO leader called for closer relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In response Premier Musavi said the Islamic revolution belongs to all oppressed peoples throughout the world and that it backs liberation movements and oppressed nations as a matter of foreign policy.

The prime minister warmly welcomed SWAPO's interest to establish diplomatic relations with the Islamic republic. Musavi assured Nujoma that once authenticity is given to people in the struggle, victory will be attained.

IRGC Official Returns From Libya Trip 29 May

GF290714 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] Mr Rahmani, the head of the mobilization of the oppressed unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps [IRGC], who had gone to Tripoli at the invitation of Libyan officials, returned to Tehran this morning. Following his arrival he gave an interview to our correspondent and described the goals and results of his trip. We invite you to listen to this interview.

[Begin recording] [Unidentified correspondent] Mr Rahmani, would you please tell us the purpose of your trip to Libya and also the results of your meetings with various officials in that country?
[Rahmani] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Following an invitation we received from Libya, we undertook the journey. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the brother gentlemen from Libya for the extraordinary and important welcome that they granted us.

As you know, following the aggression by the criminal United States on our brother and friendly country Libya, it was necessary that the mobilization unit of the IRGC announce its presence there to show its all-round support for the brother nation of Libya. In addition to the announcement of support, it also was necessary to exchange experiences and thus this visit was undertaken to discuss their experiences in achieving a popular army and armed masses and also to discuss the extraordinary experiences that the mobilization unit has achieved in the Islamic Republic of Iran. In this connection we held several high-level and important meetings which had useful and fruitful results.

The brothers who accompanied us on this trip were present during the several meetings held to exchange experiences. We took several decisions on future expansion of the mobilization forces in the Islamic Republic of Iran and a more active role for our brother Libyans with regard to programs to expand their own popular armed forces. We hope they will continue this and, God willing, the Iranian mobilization unit will consider this as a vanguard in the achievement of the 100-million-army which is what the great leader of the revolution has in mind.

During this trip we saw the sites which were directly attacked by the world-terrorist, the criminal United States. We visited these areas which clearly showed America's dastardly actions. During our meetings we took several decisions on the quality and methods of defense and the organization of popular forces in the future.

In the Islamic Republic of Iran the presence of the popular mobilization unit has in reality robbed the criminal United States of a peaceful sleep. The powerful presence of the mobilization unit has not allowed them to carry our their plans. The imposed war has been a priority for the mobilization unit and with its continued presence it is on the way to a complete victory.

[Correspondent] Mr Rahmani, with regard to the experience gained by the Iranian mobilization unit during the past few years, especially in the imposed war, is it possible for a similar mobilization force to be created in Libya?
[Rahmani] Our Libyan brothers have taken some steps in the formation of a mobilization unit and, with regard to the belief that dictates the need for all men and women there to get military training and to get armed, there have been some steps taken.

Of course in the fields of organization and the quality of utilization of these forces they need some assistance in this area which we hope we will be able to grant to our dear brothers in Libya in the future, God willing, through further bilateral meetings and trips. [end recording]

Envoy, Qatar Minister Discuss Region, Relations

GF291838 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] Seyyed Sakha'i, the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Qatar, conferred today with Shaykh Ahmad ibn Sayf Al Thani, the Qatari minister of state for foreign affairs.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed bilateral relations and the situation in the region. They also stressed the need to develop and cement bilateral relations.

Chief Justice Musavi-Ardabili Visits Mashhad

GF290950 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 29 May 86

[Unidentified correspondent's report from Mashhad on Chief Justice Musavi-Ardabili's visit to that city]

[Excerpts] [Begin recording] Ayatollah Musavi-Ardabili, the chief justice, arrived in Mashhad last night on a pilgrimage to the holy mosque of Imam Reza — peace be unto him and his family — and to meet with judicial officials of Khorasan Province.

Soon after his arrival he appeared at a glorious gathering of the Hezbollah people of Mashhad.

He gave a speech and commented on the awareness-seeking movement of our country's Islamic ummah and their growth and self-reliance in the shelter of the human-rearing Islamic philosophy. He said: There was a time when our people were considered as nothing by the world, and the world looted all our resources. But today our country and our people rely on Islam and are standing on their own feet. Today, our young people are under chemical bombardment and stand firm in the face of the enemy's fiery weapons, baring their chests, and sacrificing their lives but they will not be controlled by anyone under this sun. Our people have achieved this dignity under Islam.

The chief justice talked about the 6 years of resistance by the heroic people of Iran in the battlefronts against the Saddamist aggressors and world arrogance. He said: For 6 years now the world has been waiting for our people to become tired and give up its holy resistance and defense. But these people, with their sacrifices, proved in all fields that until there is one of us left alive, there is no fatigue and there is struggle.

He added: Today, the supporters of Saddam have given up on him and they have understood that this symbol of corruption is not going to last. If they could be sure that after Saddam goes, Islamic Iran would lie still and the flag of the Islamic Republic would not be raised over Iraq, they would send Saddam and dozens more like him handcuffed to the slaughterhouse. But today, to keep their own puppet mercenaries in power in the region's Islamic countries, they continue to support Saddam hopelessly.

The Central News Unit — Mashhad [end recording]

Iraq Claims Military Commander, Agent Executed

LD251031 Tehran IRNA in English 1021 GMT 25 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 25, IRNA — The Iraqi regime has executed a military commander and a secret service agent on charges of disobedience. According to reliable sources from Iraq the Iraqi commander, Sheykh Latif Barzanji, who had refused to attack the Iraqi Muslim revolutionary Kurds in Shaykh Shemiran north of Iraqi Kurdestan was executed near the Iraqi city of Sayyid Sadiq. Meanwhile a secret service agent was also executed on charges of disobedience. The agent, Muhammad Rashid Salih had previously received several honorary medals from the Iraqi ruler. He was executed in Kirkuk some six weeks ago after he too refused to attack the Shakh Shemiran area in northern Iraq's Kurdestan Province, the sources added.

YAR Brigade Reportedly Supporting Iraqi Forces

LD251756 Tehran IRNA in English 1743 GMT 25 May 86

[Text] Ilam, Ilam Prov., May 25, IRNA — Iraqi ruler Saddam has deployed a Yemen Arab Republic infantry brigade for support of his forces in Khaneqin region, according to an Iraqi sergeant captured in Mehran region last week. The Iraqi sergeant, who requested anonymity, said that each Yemeni soldier is paid 400 Iraqi dinars per month. "I have believed in the Islamic Republic of Iran since the beginning of the war," said the POW, "and I am especially interested in Imam Khomeyni since he previously had resided in Najaf," he added.

During Iran's Val Fajr-9 offensive, commander of Iraqi Brigade 504 together with 100 other officers and soldiers were executed on Saddam's order because they had retreated without being told to do so, the POW said. "If Iraqi soldiers want to stay alive, they must surrender to Iranian combatants," said the POW.

Iraqi Regime Reportedly Bombs 5 Kurdish Villages

LD280823 Tehran IRNA in English 0731 GMT 28 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 28, IRNA — The Iraqi Ba'thist regime in continuation of its efforts to crush the movement of the Iraqi Muslim Kurds recently bombed five villages around the Qareh-Dagh heights, Sulaymaniyah Province, in which ten villagers were martyred and score of others were injured. Most of the victims of the Iraqi bombardment of the Kurdish populated area were children and women.

Meanwhile the Kurdish Muslim Peshmerga fighting the Iraqi Ba'thist regime mined Badelyan-Dashte Diana Road, in northern Iraq, killing a number of Iraqi forces, informed sources said Wednesday. In this operation a military vehicle was destroyed and all its passengers were killed.

Furthermore, the Iraqi Muslim Kurds destroyed another army vehicle killing six and injuring three of its passengers.

In a separate recent operation the Iraqi Kurds killed an Iraqi commander, the report added.

Ground Forces Chief Calls Iraqi Attacks 'Futile'

LD291315 Tehran IRNA in English 1233 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 29, IRNA — Commander of ground forces, Colonel Seyyed Shirazi said Thursday Iraq's recent limited and scattered counterattacks are aimed at revitalizing the morale of its forces, but "We had crushed them in the past and we will do so in the future." He said Iran's Muslim combatants are "armed with the belief in God and will resist the modern weapons of arrogant powers and will make them desperate." In the past month Iraq has launched counterattacks in Faqqeh and Hajj 'Umran regions of the 1,200 km war front but has failed to make any progress.

The ground forces commander was speaking at the graduation ceremony of soldiers from the 25th course of the ground forces 06 training center. In the ceremony units from the center paraded and individual and group combat war-games were performed.

Colonal Shirazi said commitment should be strengthened in an army which is reorganizing according to the values of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. The ground forces commander noted the importance of unity in the armed forces and thwarting the conspiracies of the adversaries of the Islamic Republic. "We proved to the satanic forces that we will continue our glorious battle with implementation of Allah's instructions" he said.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Iraq Bombards West Azerbayjan Province

LD291611 Tehran IRNA in English 1540 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 29, IRNA — Iraqi long-range artillery fire continually hit the city of Piranshahr and its surrounding villages in West Azarbayjan province Wednesday damaging houses and cars, said a military communique here Thursday. The communique said exchange of artillery fire continued throughout the 1,200 km front over the past 24 hours raging somewhat more intensely in Mehran, Sumar and Majnun Islands.

Iraqi forces trying to transport troops and equipment by helicopters in Darband Region on Wednesday night were shelled and sustained losses including destruction of three vehicles and parts oftheir positions, it said.

In Bakhtaran and Ilam border fronts, the communique said, Muslim forces of Iran opened heavy artillery fire on Iraqi positions inflicting casualties and damage. In the same area Iranian patrol units also reconnoitered transport and defensive operations of Iraqi forces and dealt blows on them.

The communique said Iraqi patrol units attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Sumar and Shur Shirin, western fronts, were pounded and forced to flee after sustaining casualties. Reconnaissance flights of Iraqi helicopters and movements of enemy motorized columns in Mehran were checked by Iranian Muslim combatants.

In the southern fronts, the communique said, an Iraqi mine field in Nahre-Anbar was hit and destroyed by Iranian artillery fire.

It added that Iranian artillery fire also pounded an Iraqi patrol unit which tried to penetrate positions there. Meanwhile, the city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province was the target of sporadic Iraqi artillery fire Wednesday.

Free Voice of Iran: Revolution Guards, Public Clash

GF291630 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 29 May 86

[Text] Armed fighters have succeeded in occupying a part of Kumeleh town after an armed clash with Revolution Guards there in which a large number of Revolution Guards were reported killed. According to the same reports, Huseyni, chairman of the information office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Kumeleh, was reported killed during street fights with the armed fighters.

KEYHAN: New Anti-Khomeyni Organization Established

GF281253 London KEYHAN in Persian 22 May 86 p 2

[Text] A new organization opposing the present Iranian regime has announced its existence. This organization which calls itself the "Organization of the Followers of Ayatollah Kho'i" [Ayatollah Kho'i, over 90 years old, lives in Najf and is one of the highest sources of emulation for the Shi'ite sect], takes its inspiration from the "highest sources of emulation of world Shi'ites" and consists of "scholars, clerics, teachers, and students of theology."

The constitution of the organization states that the Iranian Army, Gendarmerie, police, women, guilds, merchants, government servants, farmers, cultural elements, and tribesmen support this organization, so that in one coordinated operation, the means to deliver the country from the "domination of the Velayat-e Faqih" could be provided. The organization claims that it has ample funds and arms at its disposal.

The organization believes that the current regime in Iran is "anti-divinity" and continues to rule the country by "distorting the meanings and objectives of the traditions of the holy prophet." The Khomeyni regime has been accused of usurping and robbing the people of their property. It has ruined the manpower and economy of the country by continuing the war.

Mr "Mahmud", one of the representatives of this organization in Europe, during his contacts with *KEYHAN*, said: This organization was founded in Iran a year and a half ago and has supporters among all levels of the people, including the Majlis, the government, and the Armed Forces.

The manifest of the organization states that in order to return the country to democracy and national sovereignty there should be free elections and that a constituent assembly should be established.

Mr "Mahmud" said: Ayatollah Kho'i is against constant interference by religion in the affairs of government. His followers hold the same view. The principle of Velayat-e Faqih is against Islamic values. Religion should interfere in politics only when oppressors come to political power and endanger Islam. No one can force the minorities to abandon their religious practices. Similarly, women should be free to choose their own dress. They should not be forced to wear what they do not like.

Mr "Mahmud" added: Ayatollah 'Isa Shabbir Khaqani, who has recently addressed the European press on the need to campaign against the Velayat-e Faqih, is a staunch follower of Ayatollah Kho'i.